

City of McVille Minutes for February 11th, 2019 – 7:00 pm

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7PM

Present: members Hain, Urvand, Czarnik, Public Works Johnson & Trostad, Auditor C Arneson and numerous members from the public. Not present: Member Messner

Approval of the agenda: Additions to agenda include lot incentive purchases, town hall meeting and water permit applications. With the additions, *Member Urvand motions to approve, Member Czarnik 2nd, agenda was approved.*

January 14th Regular meeting minutes *motioned for approval by member Hain, 2nd member Urvand, minutes are approved.*

Public Works Report: An estimate has come in pertaining to the climate control on the electrical panel at the plant and the tower communications. With all the snow, working on the plant has been slower. Public Works truck had a power steering hose & wiper motor go out, both have been replaced. The Driver window doesn't work, the windows fog up and make it hard to see. The Plow truck needs brakes fixed, it doesn't fit in any heated buildings to try and warm it up to see if that would help. The furnace at the water plant has a cracked plenum, Kolenda has been notified. We wait on a solution. Ryan will be at an expo in Bismarck where he will receive 8CEU and plans to meet with Mr. Blessum, Tri Co Water and Mr. Gilbertson with Moore Engineering.

Auditor's Report: members agree with Auditor C. Arneson to advertise for an office assistant.

January revenues, disbursements & financials *Motioned by member Urvand to approve all financials for the month of January 2nd member Hain, motion passed.*

Job service \$50.07, ND Tax \$286, IRS \$2924.76, NDPERS \$1508.64, F&M Bank \$45, NDTC \$273.26, UNUM \$262.14, OneCall \$7.20, GFLab \$15, Hawkins \$1023.95, WSI \$ 1310.05, Sheriff \$1204.05, Verizon \$153.36, TriCo Petro \$1030.27, Brager \$2395.25, Ohnstad \$255.36, D&M \$460.50, Nelson Co \$27.05, Menards \$188.16, NDLC \$530, Riteway \$244.11, BCBS \$5626.80, Oxton's \$4, Water System \$240, Payroll \$9,223.42

Old Business

Café discussion: The biggest concerns over the café revolve around the financial history and current debt that burden the city. The current account to the café is over \$50,000 in the negative. Everyone agreed that a café is important to the community. Suggestions in evaluating the current operation including energy efficiency, requiring a damage deposit and more. Members of the public made comments over ways to help pay off the dept. Mr. Jacobson reminded people of their current option for food service from the American Legion, Salty Dog. Carl Dezotell made a statement about his desire to take over the restaurant again in the future.

Tri-County Water 50 x 200 land partial is agreed to be sold for \$5,000. The city will send TriCo Water an invoice for the amount. This is where the underground pumphouse will be built.

Motion made by member Urvand to approve the sale of the partial for \$5,000. 2nd by member Czarnik, motion passed.

Employee compensation: *Motion by member Czarnik to give raises of \$.50 to Auditor Arneson, \$.35 for P.W. Trostad and \$.25 to P.W. Johnson. 2nd by member Urvand. Roll Call vote Aye Urvand, Aye Hain, Aye Czarnik. Motion passes.*

New Business

Anne Frappier has moved to McVille with her grooming and boarding business. She plans to speak to council pertaining to the pet ordinances when her plans are more secure. Oxton's grocery store was sold to Wagner Foods.

Motioned to approve the liquor license for the Salty Dog by member Czarnik, 2nd by member Hain. Motion passes.

A discussion took place over rescinding a motion that was made in August to approve lot incentive agreements. Do to lack of legal guidance and the length of time to get updates accomplished it was recommended to rescind the motions on the table and do away with the entire program. The purpose of the program was to unload some of the empty lots and encourage growth. It was a temporary program that has never been taken off the books. As of now the city has very few lots available and the program no longer is beneficial. *Member Urvand motions to rescind August motion to approve lot purchases for the Jacobson family. Mayor called for a second 3 times. Motion died.*

A motion made by member Czarnik to approve the application of an additional water permit, 2nd member Hain, motion passes.

Sunday March 3rd, 4PM is the upcoming Town Hall meeting to be held in the McVille auditorium.

Monday, March 11th - 7:00 pm - Next Regular City Council Meeting

Adjournment 9:26 PM